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SUBJ: DIVIDED FAMILIES: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER  
ADAMSKI

1. I CALLED ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WIESLAW ADAMSKI APRIL 14. OUR  
CONVERSATION CENTERED ON GOP RELATIONS WITH POLONIA, WHICH, ALONG  
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CONSULAR AFFAIRS, CONSTITUTE ADAMSKI'S MAIN RESPONSIBILITY IN THE MFA  
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ADAMSKI AGREED WITH ME THAT THE AMERICAN POLONIA WAS ESPECIALLY IMPOR  
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TANT, BECAUSE OF ITS SIZE AND INFLUENCE ON US POLITICS, AND BECAUSE  
OF ITS VERY LARGE NUMBER OF FAMILY CONNECTIONS WITH  
POLAND. THE GOP, ADAMSKI SAID, WAS GRATIFIED THAT RELATIONS WITH  
POLONIA IN THE US, AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES, HAD EXPANDED AND  
IMPROVED DURING THE TENURE OF FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK WHO, AS A 22  
YEAR EMIGRANT HIMSELF, HAD A DIRECT, PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING OF  
THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF PERSONS OF POLISH BACKGROUND LIVING IN  
OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. IS SAID THAT PRECISELY BECAUSE OF ITS EXTENSIVE TIES WITH POLAND,  
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POLONIA WAS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT PERSONAL CONTACTS BWTWEEN  
AMERICAN CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS OF POLISH DESCENT AND THEIR RE-  
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LATIVES IN THE OLD COUNTRY. THUS, POLONIA INTENSELY SHARED THE OFFICI  
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USG INTEREST, REPEATEDLY CONVEYED TO THE GOP AT HIGH LEVELS, IN  
SOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF DIVIDED FAMILIES AND DENIAL OF VISAS TO  
POLISH-AMERICANS SEEKING TO VISIT RELATIVES IN POLAND, UNDER-  
SCORING OUR CONTINUING CONCERN OVER THESE PROBLEMS, I NOTED THAT DAS  
LUERS HAD RECENTLY DISCUSSED THEM WITH CHARGE PAWLISZEWSKI IN

WASHINGTON, AS HAD I IN MY MEETING WITH ADAMSKI'S COLLEAGUE, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CZYREK, EARLIER IN THE WEEK. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAD NOT FOUND THE RESULTS OF EITHER CONVERSATION SATISFACTORY.

3. ADAMSKI OBSERVED THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN RAISED IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S TALKS WITH GIEREK. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE SAID, THE POLISH AUTHORITIES HAD CONSIDERED IT IN DEPTH. IN ADDITION, THE POLES HAD EXAMINED "WITH GOOD WILL" THE INDIVIDUAL CASES BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION BY THE EMBASSY, AND HAD RESPONDED TO OUR PRESENTATION. NEVERTHELESS, ADAMSKI SAID, IF I HAD FURTHER QUESTIONS ON THESE OR OTHER SPECIFIC CASES, HE WAS AT MY DISPOSAL TO GO OVER THEM IN DETAIL.

4. I SAID I WOULD BE GLAD TO DO SO. I HOPED WE COULD MEET FOR THIS PURPOSE AT AN EARLY DATE, BECAUSE THE DIVIDED FAMILIES AND FREEDOM OF TRAVEL PROBLEMS WERE AFFECTING POLISH-US COOPERATION IN OTHER AREAS, WHICH WE VALUED. I THANKED ADAMSKI FOR HIS OFFER TO HELP IN OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS TOWARD A SOLUTION.

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